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(57) **Abstract:** A method of estimating traffic values or intervals in a communications network, the network comprising a plurality of nodes being interconnected by links, the method comprising the steps of: (a) obtaining traffic data through said nodes and/or links as input data; (b) obtaining network data relating to the network topology and network behaviour; and (c) estimating the effect of a modification of said communications network and/or its behaviour by calculating traffic information between a selected first and a selected second node of said network using said input data.

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